GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:511
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BRINGING CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES UNDER PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to bring the Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(b) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in Reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.511 Due for Answer on 30th April, 2002.

While there is, at present no proposal to bring all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), Most of the Schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development are being implemented with the active involvement of the PRIs. The Task Force on Panchayati Raj (constituted in July, 2001) recommended that convergence of Schemes be pursued so that PRIs have greater flexibility in responding to local needs.

2. The Union Ministries/Departments have been advised to initiate appropriate action in the light of recommendations of the Task Force regarding convergence of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and to review the Guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for identification of roles of Panchayats in implementation of the same.